GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SULPHUR BLENDED PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the petrol and diesel containing 0.05 per cent maximum sulphur content are being supplied to retail outlets in some metropolitan towns;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to supply such eco-friendly fuel in other towns in the country including rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Petrol with 0.05% maximum sulphur content (Bharat Stage-II) is being supplied all over the country with effect from 1-4-2005. In identified cities viz Delhi/National Capital Region, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur and Agra, petrol with 0.015% maximum sulphur (Euro-III) is being supplied with effect from 1-4-2005.

Bharat Stage-II diesel (0.05% max. sulphur) has also been introduced all over India, except in six states and part of one state namely Rajasthan, Uttranchal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Western part of U.P. with effect from 1-4-2005.

Bharat Stage-II diesel has been introduced in Rajasthan with effect from 1-6-2005 and in West U.P and Uttaranchal with effect from 1-7-2005.

The Oil companies have been instructed to introduce Bharat Stage-II diesel in Madhya Pradesh from 1-9-2005 and in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir from 1-10-2005 as per the revised schedule approved by the Government.